

June 9, 2008
The Honorable Haley Barbour
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, MS 39205

Sir:

Greeting, I hope all is well with you and the First Lady, Marsha. I recently bought a local monthly newspaper, Good News, (published last 18 years on the coast) now Good News Gulf Coast. It is my hope to bring a new conservative and moral prospective to the Gulf Coast and surrounding communities.

I would like to feature you (on front page) in the July issue. I am asking that you give whatever thoughts you would to the questions I am submitting for response. Please Add additional questions and comments if you so desire. Also, please send photo along with the response. Thank you so much for all that you do and for giving me numerous opportunities to serve. I was especially blessed by the inauguration participations. Thank you very much.

1. **GNGC:** Governor, what would you define as your greatest achievements during your first four years in office?
2. **GNGC:** Sir, having worked and functioned at the highest level of our government, i.e., with Ronald Reagan, President Bush Chairman PNC, lobbyist, etc, - does serving as Governor of Mississippi seen anti-climatic or as a step down?
3. **GNGC:** Mississippi has been – and still is to a much lesser extent – a troubled state as it relates to race relations. As a native Mississippian having grown up in the Old South what is your opinion of the state of race relations in Mississippi now?
4. **GNGC:** Do you ever foresee there being a black Governor in this State, or a woman?
5. **GNGC:** What formula would you prescribe for improving race relations in Mississippi, therefore causing us to become a more homogeneous and productive State?
6. **GNGC:** I've heard you say that you came from humble means. That no doubt is the case with most Mississippians. How do we as a State get off the bottom? We have had some of the most powerful Senators in the country in the last 50 years, yet MS linger at or near the bottom on nearly every measurable economic, social, health and educational level.
7. **GNGC:** Is there any quick or near future sustainable solution(s) to the insurance crisis on the coast?
8. **GNGC:** What would you say to our readers that are still waiting on Katrina government relief that would aid them in rebuilding their homes and lives? Is there an end in sight? Many have received assistance during Phase I, where are we in the process?
9. **GNGC:** I am not sure that the regulations allowing for 600 million dollars to be diverted to the Port of Gulfport was ever adequately explained or proven so that the average citizen could understand that it was not taken from housing redevelopment or other post-Katrina needs. Will you please give additional clarity regarding this controversial action?

10. **GNGC:** After the next three one-half (3 ½) years what's next Governor Barbour? White House run? Ambassadorship? Surely, not a tranquil retirement to the City of Yazoo?

11. **GNGC:** Over the past four one-half (4 1/2) years I have watched the first Lady, Marsha, stand with you, go ahead of you (Katrina, Hancock County) (out walk you, "Let's go Walking Mississippi") – and be the most visible and involved 1st Lady the State has had. How important has she been to your achievements, thus far, as Governor?

Thank you, Sir for your time and friendship since I have known you. We still are happy that you graced our home during the campaign. My only regret has been that "pitiful" introduction I made that evening. My thought, however, was to allow you to exercise your gift of persuasion and not screw -it - up for you, since everyone knew where I stood on the issue. But you were gracious, nevertheless, Thanks for the interview. If I can be of any assistance let me know.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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